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CONCLUSION OF GENEVA CONFERENCE

1. IN AN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW APPEARING IN THE "BERLINER  
ZEITUNG" OF FEB 17, AMBASSADOR SIEGFRIED BOCK PREDICTS  
AN EARLY AND SATISFACTORY CONCLUSION TO THE CONFERENCE  
ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE. AS LEADER OF  
THE EAST GERMAN DELEGATION TO THE SECOND PHASE OF THIS  
CONFERENCE, AMBASSADOR BOCK GAVE TWO GROUNDS FOR HIS  
OPTIMISM: A) THAT WORK ON TWO-THIRDS OF THE PARAGRAPHS  
BEFORE THE CONFERENCE HAD BEEN COMPLETED OR AT  
LEAST AGREED UPON IN A SUBSTANTIAL  
WAY, AND B) THAT THE ATMOSPHERE OF NEGOTIATIONS IS  
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SUCH AS TO LEAD HIM TO BELIEVE THAT THE WILL AND

DESIRE FOR A SATISFACTORY CONCLUSION OF THE CONFERENCE ARE AT HAND. IN THIS INTERVIEW, HE ALSO INVEIGHTS AGAINST "CERTAIN FORCES" WHO WERE AGAINST THE CONVENING OF THE CONFERENCE IN THE FIRST PLACE AND WHO HAVE SINCE ATTEMPTED TO DISRUPT THE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE BY INTRODUCING EXTRANEIOUS ISSUES LIKE THE POSITION OF THE SOCIALIST STATES IN IDEOLOGICAL MATTERS. BOCK REPORTS THAT THESE DISRUPTIVE FORCES HAVE BEEN OVERCOME AND THAT THE TIME IS RIPE FOR A CONCLUSION OF THE SECOND PHASE OF THE CONFERENCE. HE CONCLUDES BY STATING THAT THE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE SHOULD BE JUDGED NOT BY THE LENGTH OF TIME IT HAS TAKEN TO REACH AGREEMENT BUT BY THE STEADY PROGRESS AND EVENTUAL SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION WHICH THE CONFERENCE WILL ACHIEVE.

2. THE SAME THEME IS REPEATED IN AN INTERVIEW WITH DR. STEFAN DOERNBERG, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE GDR COMMITTEE FOR EUROPEAN SECURITY AND COOPERATION, IN THE OFFICIAL EAST GERMAN PUBLICATION "HORIZONT" ON FEB 19. DR. DOERNBERG IS QUOTED AS LOOKING FORWARD TO A MEETING IN BRUSSELS BEGINNING APRIL 26 AMONG 20 NATIONAL COMMITTEES AND 16 INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN ORDER TO DISCUSS FURTHER MEASURES FOR THE RELAXATION OF TENSIONS IN EUROPE. HE CONCLUDES IN THESE MEASURES DISARMAMENT AND COOPERATION IN ECONOMIC, INTELLECTUAL AND CULTURAL MATTERS.

3. COMMENT: BOTH OF THE ABOVE INTERVIEWS ARE PERHAPS MOST NOTABLE FOR THEIR LACK OF INVECTIVE AGAINST "THE WESTERN SIDE" IN THE CSCE NEGOTIATIONS, AND THEIR OPTIMISTIC FORECAST OF A RAPID CONCLUSION OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE. IT IS NOT CLEAR TO WHAT EXTENT THIS FORECAST IS SHARED BY OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN THE CONFERENCE OR WHAT PURPOSE THESE STATEMENTS SERVE IN AN INNER EAST GERMAN CONTEXT. BOCK'S INTERVIEW WAS PICKED UP IN WEST GERMAN PAPERS WITHOUT MUCH COMMENT. HOPE FOR AN EARLY CONCLUSION TO THE CURRENT PHASE OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE IS, OF COURSE, CONSISTENT WITH THE SOVIET UNION'S DESIRE FOR A SUCCESSFUL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONCLUSION OF THE CONFERENCE AS A PRELUDE TO A POSSIBLE SUMMIT CONFERENCE LATER IN 1975.COOPER

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